

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA



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Purchasing Office RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

ITEM No 24

Subject Authorize award and execution of a contract with MATTHEWS SPECIALTY VEHICLES, Greensboro, NC, for the purchase of one Thomas rear engine mobile breath alcohol testing unit (BATU) in an amount not to exceed \$251,096

Amount and Source of Funding Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Special Revenue Fund of the Austin Police Department

Fiscal Note There is no unanticipated fiscal impact A fiscal note is not required

Additional Backup Material

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No Attachments Available

For More Information Ron Mazzarella, Fleet Buyer/974-2837

Purchasing Language Sole Source

MBE/WBE This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9D of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) No subcontracting opportunities were identified, therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation

This contract is for the purchase of a mobile breath alcohol, testing unit (BATU) that will be assigned to the Austin Police Department (APD) The BATU is a specially converted, equipped, and customized 36' Thomas Built Bus It will be used throughout the city, set up where officers will bring drivers that have been stopped for suspected Driving While Impaired (DWI) The BATU is designed to enable law enforcement agencies to process the impaired driver on-site at a mobile station The unit is equipped with officer workstations, Intoxilyzer breath alcohol testing instruments, communication equipment, computers, lavatory and all necessary supplies to process the suspected impaired driver Additionally, the BATU will be used as a mobile public education tool Matthews Specialty Vehicles provides graphic design services that turn the exterior of the unit into a mobile billboard for alcohol awareness and education The BATU will be the cornerstone of the APD DWI Awareness Program

APD and Fleet staffs have determined that the rear engine bus chassis is equipped with certain design features that make it the preferred vehicle for the APD mobile breath alcohol, testing program The rear engine allows better design and utilization of interior space Maintenance of the rear engine components (engine, transmission, exhaust system) provides ease of access for servicing The rear engine creates a barrier for protection against rear end collisions increasing officer and occupant safety

Thomas Built Bus is the sole manufacturer of a rear engine bus that provides the chassis for specialization Matthews Specialty Vehicles is the sole company authorized to purchase custom chassis from Thomas Built Bus for specialty vehicle applications